



Data Protection Act 2018

2018 CHAPTER 12

PART 2

GENERAL PROCESSING

CHAPTER 1

SCOPE AND DEFINITIONS

4 Processing to which this Part applies

- (1) This Part is relevant to most processing of personal data.
- (2) [^{F1}This Part]—
 - (a) applies to the types of processing of personal data to which the [^{F2}UK GDPR] applies by virtue of Article 2 of the [^{F2}UK GDPR], and
 - (b) supplements, and must be read with, the [^{F2}UK GDPR].

^{F3}(3)

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 4(2) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Data Protection, Privacy and Electronic Communications \(Amendments etc\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/419\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 2 para. 5\(2\)\(a\)](#) (with reg. 5); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F2** Words in s. 4(2) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Data Protection, Privacy and Electronic Communications \(Amendments etc\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/419\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 2 para. 5\(2\)\(b\)](#) (with reg. 5); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F3** S. 4(3) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Data Protection, Privacy and Electronic Communications \(Amendments etc\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/419\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 2 para. 5\(3\)](#) (with reg. 5); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Changes to legislation:

Data Protection Act 2018, Section 4 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 07 January 2025. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 13A inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 31\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 8(1)(y) added by [2022 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 78\(3\)](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 13A inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 31\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 8(1)(y) added by [2022 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 78\(3\)](#)